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PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Reports on Public Health activities in the Northern Ryukyus for September are not available for this summation.

Medical Care

2. Medical care in the Ryukyus during August is shown in the table below.

	<u>Okinawa Gunto</u>	<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yaeyama</u>
In patients	2,076	11	12
Out patients	39,367	3,589 3,589	2
Hospital Capacity	1,532 a/	65 b/	22 b/

a/ excluding the 461 dispensary beds and the Leper Colony.

b/ number of hospital beds in the Southern Ryukyus was incorrectly reported in July. The above figures are correct.

Hospital capacity in Okinawa Gunto is broken down into the following:

<u>General Hospitals</u> no. of beds	<u>District Hospitals</u> no. of beds	<u>Dispensaries</u> no. of disp.
Okinawa Central 450	Itoman 62	Hentona 99
Nago 200	Ishikawa 75	Taira 13
Jinzu 120	Maebaru 75	Jinzu 8
Kim TB Sanitorium 300	Chinen 100	Ishikawa 2
	Naha 100	Maebaru 12
	Taira 50	Kora 14
		Naha 4
1,070	462	Chinen 13
		Itoman 10

The Airaku-En Leper Colony located in the Taira District, Okinawa, has a capacity for 900 patients. At present there are 847 patients.

The Nanseien Leper Colony on Miyako, Southern Ryukyus, has a bed capacity of 226 and now has 200 patients. 21 new patients were received from Airaku-En Leper Colony, Okinawa, on 29 August 1948.

3. Okinawa distribution of medical personnel for August is given below:

	Hentona	Taira	Jinza	Ishikawa	Maobaru	Koza	Naha	Chinon	Itoman	Total
Physicians	4	26	9	6	14	29	10	15	11	124
Physicians Assts	6	17	6	2	8	11	4	9	7	70
Dentists	1	8	3	2	4	4	2	4	3	31
Dentists Assts	2	6	1	0	2	6	2	4	3	26
Reg. Nurses	6	96	22	14	40	57	26	27	30	318
Student Nurses	0	48	23	0	0	114	0	0	0	185
Nurses Aides	21	24	16	10	7	20	3	29	16	146
Midwives	27	39	12	13	25	46	58	47	62	329
Pharmacists	0	4	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	16
Veterinarians	2	10	3	2	6	5	13	16	5	62

4. Number of Medical personnel in the Southern Ryukyus is August is shown below:

	<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yaeyama</u>
Physicians	24	14
Physician Assts	10	3
Dentists	12	5
Dentists Assts	11	2
Registered Nurses	4	27
Student Nurses	13	-
Nurses Aides	34	12
Midwives	16	39
Pharmacists	3	1
Veterinarians	2	7

Disease Incidence

5. Disease incidence was reported for Okinawa Gunto and the Southern Ryukyus in August as follows:

DISEASE INCIDENCE

August

(1) Respiratory Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa</u>	<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yaeyama</u>
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Small Pox	0	0	0
Chicken Pox	154	9	22
Measles	1	55	3
German measles	186	0	0
Mumps	115	25	14
Influenza	580	18	2
Pneumonia, Lobar	40	13	4
Pneumonia, Broncho	178	288	28
Diphtheria	2	0	0
Whooping Cough	158	13	1
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	94	13	6
Tuberculosis, other	39	14	66
Epidemic Meningitis	0	1	4

(2) Insect Borne Diseases reported in Okinawa by districts:

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Jap "B"</u>		<u>Malaria</u>	<u>Filariasis</u>	<u>Typhus</u>
	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Aug</u>
Hentona	0	0	225	9	0
Taira	0	1	346	3	0
Jinuza	2	0	170	1	0
Ishikawa	1	0	296	2	0
Maebara	0	0	348	3	0
Koza	7	0	420	8	0
Naha	2	0	150	6	0
Chinen	8	1	473	3	0
Itoman	1	0	96	2	0
Total	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,524</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>0</u>

In Miyako, Southern Ryukyus, there were 95 malaria cases and 27 cases of Filariasis. Yaeyama had 64 cases of malaria and 23 cases of Filariasis.

(3) Intestinal Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa</u>	<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yaeyama</u>
Para typhoid	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	2	0	0
Amoebic Dysentary	20	12	4
Cholera	0	0	0

(4) Venereal Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa</u>	<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yaeyama</u>
Syphilis	10	9	10
Gonorrhea	25	7	52
Chancroid	0	0	4
Lymphogranuloma, Venereal	0	4	0

(5) Miscellaneous:

Yaws	0	0	0
Leprosy	0	0	2
Tetanus	25	1	4
Trachoma	1,260	152	79

Sanitation Activities

6. A new Sanitary Code for Okinawa Gunto was published as Directive 33 on 15 September 1948. The directive authorized nine sanitation districts to correspond with the Public Health Districts, and provided for one sanitation officer for each district to be responsible for procurement and allocation of supplies and to supervise mura and village sanitation officers.

Okinawa Sanitation Activities (August)

Man-hours	274,359
Drainage ditches constructed	78,918 feet
Drainage ditches serviced	1,714,554 feet
Penite expended	85 gallons
DDT in Oil expended	24,065 gallons
Houses sprayed	52,784
Latrines constructed	923
Latrines closed	309
Latrines maintained	80,813
Wells constructed	175
Wells cleaned	359
Wells closed	9

7. In the Southern Ryukyus during August weekly dusting of rice paddies and water holes was carried out and 99 houses were sprayed with DDT. A total of 140 gallons of DDT in oil and 3,070 pounds of 10 percent DDT dust were expended for this work.

8. The Military Government Rodent Control Team of two men completed two weeks' training of a native sanitation team in the Maehara District, one team in the Naha District, and one team in the Chinen District. There are 6 men on a native sanitation team. Each team was supplied with 600 rat bait boxes and 40 lbs. of Antu rat poison.

9. One Military Government Representative was sent to Okuma, Okinawa, for 4 days to conduct inspections and give instructions to the native sanitation workers in the Northern districts of Okinawa.

10. The Military Government Chief of Sanitation conducted meetings with the District and Mura Sanitation Officers outlining policy and discussing problems in each district. Meetings were held in the Ohinen, Itoman, Naha, Koza districts and will be held next month in the remaining districts of Okinawa

11. A civilian technician was sent to the Northern Ryukyus on 4 September to conduct training in rodent control to representatives of all sections.

12. The following sanitation supplies were distributed to the native villages:

Okinawa

Diesel Oil	16,060 gals.
DDT Concentrate	7,300 lbs.
DDT 10% dust	3,250 lbs.
Rat Poison (Antu)	80 lbs.
Rat Bait Boxes	1,200 each

Southern Ryukyus

Diesel Oil	3,410 gals.
DDT concentrate	1,550 lbs.

Northern Ryukyus

Rat Poison (Antu)	400 lbs.
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Medical Supplies

13. The following supplies were received by Military Government for distribution to the native population:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quant</u>	<u>Garison</u> <u>weight</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>weight</u>
Glass IV Depot	Dress, WAC, Hospital white	ea	350/		
Glass IV Depot	Lock, Pad, Brass	ea	30	-	2,000
Glass IV Depot	Sulpha, Sublimed	lbs	560/		
Glass IV Depot	Pump, Dispensing, Australia	ea	1	-	250
37th Sta. Hosp	Film X-Ray, 14x17"	pkg	44	-	660
Rycom Med Depot	Dextrose Injection 5% 100cc 6s	box	286	-	22,880
Rycom Med Depot	Distilled Water for Injection 100cc	box	192	-	15,360
Rycom Med Depot	Film X-Ray & Biologicals (outdated)	box	21	-	1,470

Rycom Med Depot	Biologicals(outdated)	box	1	-	60
Rycom Med Depot	Penicillin in Oil & Wax	vial	2,200	-	250
Public Welfare	Multi-Purpose Food	case	50	-	1,750
Public Welfare	Powdered milk	case	50	-	1,500
Section Base	Biologicals	case	5	545	

Total weight in lbs	545	46,180
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14. A total of 163,210 pounds of medical and sanitation supplies were distributed in September.

Item	Okinawa lbs.	Northern lbs.	Southern lbs.	Total lbs.
Surgical Dressing	3,000	-	-	3,000
Drugs & Biological	48,000	-	-	48,000
Equipment	75,500	-	-	75,500
Narcotic	60	-	-	60
Sanitation	30,770	400	4,960	36,130
Veterinary Supplies	520	-	-	520
Totl. Weight in lb.	157,850	400	4,960	163,210

15. Narcotics distribution in Okinawa for medicinal purposes during September is shown below:

Nomenclature

	Unit	Okinawa
Cocaine Hydrochloride, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	bot	63
Codeine Sulfate Tablets, 0.032 Gm ($\frac{1}{2}$ gr) 100s	bot	89
Codeine Sulfate Tablets, 0.032 Gm ($\frac{1}{2}$ gr) 500s	bot	9
Ethylmorphine Hydrochloride, 1/8 oz	bot	4
Codeine Sulfate 1/8 oz	bot	6
Morphine Tartrate Tablets, 0.016 Gm ($\frac{1}{2}$ gr) 20s	bot	24
Morphine Tartrate Syrettes, 0.032 Gm ($\frac{1}{2}$ gr) 5s	pkg	194
Morphine Tartrate Syrettes, 0.032 Gm ($\frac{1}{2}$ gr)	each	100
Opium Powder, 1-oz	bot	4
Opium Tincture, $\frac{1}{4}$ pt	bot	37
Pantopon Tablets, 0.02 Gm (1/3 gr) 20s	tube	1
Opium Tincture, Camphorated, 1-pt	bot	47

Nursing Affairs

16. The refresher course for Okinawan nurses at the 37th Station Hospital was discontinued as of 13 September 1948. The Public Health Nurse of Military Government will give instructions and lectures to the Okinawan nurses. A lecture on Nursing in America was given by the Public Health Nurse to the registered and student nurses of Nago Hospital on 6 September.

17. A chief nurses' meeting was held at Koza Hospital on 15 September. The nursing situation in Okinawa was discussed and plans were made to form a constitution for the proposed Okinawan Nurses' Association.

Veterinary Activities - August 1948

18. Disease incidence during August on Okinawa:

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. Infected</u>	<u>No. Dead</u>
Cattle	negative report	0	0
Equine	negative report	0	0
Swine	swine erysipelas	1	0
Goats	distoma hepaticum	2	2
	lumber paralysis	21	5
Poultry	pullorum	19	19

19. Forty-two pigs were butchered on Okinawa with no condemnations.

20. Disease incidence during August in the Southern Ryukyus:

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>No. Infected</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
		<u>Miyako</u>	<u>Yacyana</u>
Cattle	trauma	0	2 recovered
Equine	gastroenteritis	6	3 recovered
	trauma	3	2 recovered
	angina	2	0 recovered
	colic	1	0 recovered
Swine	cysticercus	177	0 slaughterhouse
	strongylus	1	0 slaughterhouse
	edema-kidney failure	13	0 slaughterhouse
	gastroenteritis	0	5 3 died, 2 recovered

WELFARE

21. In September 11,220 Okinawans received non-institutional relief aid, an increase of 213 persons, which is due to continuous screening of relief cases to remove those persons who are not entitled to assistance.

RELIEF ROLL - OKINAWA GUNTO (Non-institutional) September

Persons under 16 years of age	7,073
Over 61 years of age	2,720
Pregnant Women	9
Invalids	594
Physically Handicapped	506
Women with Children	318

22. There were 6.6 long tons of miscellaneous relief supplies received through LARA during September consisting of food, school supplies, medical supplies, incubators and clothing.

23. The new LARA representative for the Ryukyus arrived from Manila on 2 September 1948. He departed 18 September 1948 for temporary duty in Tokyo for conferences on relief problems and distribution of LARA supplies.

Social and Child Welfare

24. A total of 331 persons received relief in Okinawa in September in the following institutions:

<u>Orphanages</u>		<u>Old People's Homes</u>	
Koza	71	Koza	27
Hyakuna	56	Ishikawa	46
Taira	24	Shuri	31
Shuri	76		
Total	227	Total	104

The Public Health Department of Military Government supplied 24 one ounce tubes of five per cent ammoniated mercury ointment for the use of the orphanages in treating skin disease of the children.

25. After thorough investigation by the Prison Officer and the Child Welfare worker of Military Government, arrangements were made for the parole of a 17-year-old inmate of Chinen Central Prison, who will be trained to act as Boys' Counsellor and as liaison between the boys and the adult staff of the Boys' Vocational Training School at Hyakuna.

26. Recreational and educational materials were distributed to the orphans and children of lepers at the Loper Colony on Okinawa by the Welfare Department of Military Government.

International Activities Branch American Red Cross

27. The Red Cross Representative left Okinawa on September 19, for seven days' temporary duty in the Northern Ryukyus to aid in the organization of the Amami Interim Welfare Association.

RESETTLEMENT

28. In September the General Affairs Department of Military Government made the following requests to Headquarters, RYCOM, for areas to be released for resettlement by the Okinawans:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Naha business area	6	newspaper, saw mill, lime factory
Naha business area	2	housing for bank employees
Former Naha Ammunition Storage Area	1,650	resettlement and cultivation <i>for</i>

Areas released to Military Government in September ~~by~~ the Okinawans totaled eight acres in the Naha area for resettlement.

It is anticipated that the former city of Naha will once again become the business and economic center of Okinawa and, until such time as resettlement of the unused portion of the former city can be accomplished, much of the business and economic rehabilitation on Okinawa will be at a standstill.

REPATRIATION

29. Repatriates received from Japan in September numbered 511. Of this total 226 went to Okinawa, 248 to Northern Ryukyus, and 37 to Southern Ryukyus.

Repatriates sent to Japan in September numbered 131. Of this total 88 were from Okinawa, 43 from the Northern Ryukyus and none from the Southern Ryukyus.

30. Population of Okinawa Gunto and the Southern Ryukyus on 31 July is given below. Five stillbirths were reported in Okinawa Gunto for July.

	<u>Population as of 30 June</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Gains a/</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Losses a/</u>	<u>Population as of 31 July</u>
Okinawa	547,098	1,406	358	363	93	548,406
Southern Ryukyus	117,357	2822	401	70	231	117,739

a/ gains and losses by repatriation and resettlement.

31. Marriages and Divorces in July were as follows:

	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Divorces</u>
Okinawa	382	113
N. Ryukyus	160	13
S. Ryukyus	91	13
Total	633	139

RYUKYUAN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

32. The following property on Okinawa was taken into custody during September.

<u>Land</u>	<u>No. Land Parcels</u>	<u>Appraised Value</u>	<u>Area (Tsubo)</u>	<u>Improve ments</u>	<u>Value of Improv.</u>
Used by Military	24	¥ 577,585	7,471	0	0
Used by CCA	4	36,770	1,800	0	0
Available for lease	328	11,239,304	19,008	255	3,101,352

Personal Property

Used by Military	0	0	0	0	0
On Hand	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	356	1,853,659	28,279	255	3,101,352
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a/ one tsubo equals approximately 36 square feet.